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Members of the Utah National Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion Depart to Colorado to Assist in Rebuilding Efforts

DRAPER, Utah -- Approximately 100 members of the Utah Army National Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion will depart Thursday, Sept. 26, for Colorado to transport vehicles and equipment in order to assist in rebuilding efforts following the massive flooding that has occurred in that state in recent weeks.

The mission of Task Force Pioneer, as it will be called, is to assist the Colorado National Guard with route clearance, route maintenance and debris removal along U.S. Highway 36 in Boulder and Larimer Counties.

Because of the uncertainty of budget constraints and a possible government shutdown, the 1457th will transport vehicles and equipment to work sites and then return to Utah. Once funding issues have been resolved, which is anticipated to be the first week of October, approximately 120 soldiers of the 1457th will return to Colorado to complete their mission. Once troops return to Colorado, the mission is expected to last a minimum of two weeks.

Media Notes: Media desiring to cover the departure of the 1457th on Thursday, Sept. 26, should be at the north parking lot at Camp Williams no later than 6:30 a.m., with an expected departure time of 7 a.m. Camp Williams is located at 17800 S. Camp Williams (Redwood) Road in Bluffdale at the Salt Lake-Utah County line.

For more information, please contact Capt. Eric Holland at (801) 716-9162 or Capt. Ryan Sutherland at (801)390-4921. For questions about the Colorado National Guard's role in recovery efforts from flooding, please contact Capt. Darin Overstreet at (303) 726-4716.